President.—Do not make me remind you of it.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—In the case of persons sitting behind is it taken for granted that they will sit down after putting the questions.

President—In one or two days we cannot get to this involuntary habit.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know who is the final authority who gave sanction for this *chira*, is it the Diwan Peishkar or the Tahsildar?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I think it is the Diwan Peishkar.

The inadvisability of section 76 in the Cochin Education Code.

656 **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the reasons that brought about this new section in the revised *Code* disregarding the right claim of those who render help to Government as well as the people in the matter of education ;

(2) if there are any reasons, will they be pleased to state whether the same exists at present ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) The new section does not operate against the right claims of Managers, but is necessary to safeguard the position of Government who may have to refuse grant for want of funds or other reasons.

(2) Yes.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—There is nothing stated about the reasons for revising *the Code*. May I know what are the reasons?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I think the reasons are given there.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Was this reason not felt before the revision of *the Code*?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It was felt when *the Code* was revised. It was due to previous experience.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Before that there was no occasion?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There were several occasions and it was why that a saving clause was introduced.

President.—You felt the necessity for one of these clauses to be revised.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—When *the Code* was being revised.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Before the introduction of this new section, has not there been a regular claim or right for the Managers for the grant?

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President.—This has not deprived them of their right to get the grant.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—What we say is that it cannot be claimed as a matter of right. Even before it could not be claimed as a matter of right.

President.—Their right has not been taken away by this clause.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Before the introduction of this new section, either the Government must accept that there has been a regular claim for Managers, otherwise there was no necessity for introducing this new clause. If the Government accepts it in that way, I will ask whether they have not taken away the right of the Managers by introducing this new clause.

President.—Before you had to revise the new clause the Managers had a right to demand the grant. Will you be justified in taking away the right?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There was room for doubt.

President.—It was a case of doubt and to remove all doubt in the matter this clause was introduced.

Mr. I. E Ambooken.—May I know whether the Managers have not any right for their grant? Even after introducing this clause, is the right of the Managers taken away by the clause? They cannot claim it as a matter of right?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes. I want notice. I can make it quite clear. It depends upon the availability of funds. Suppose, for instance, we are not given additional grants, we shall not have money. So the first condition is as far as funds permit.

President.—That governs the grant.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Sometimes it may be according to the Grant in-aid Rules. They may be able to get 50 per cent more than we can give.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Has not the Government power to withhold this grant even without introducing this clause?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We wanted to make it clear. We found that there were certain Managers who did not act up to this.

President.—They wanted to give public notice. 'Don't be under the false impression that you will always get grant. We have enacted a rule like this so that the grant will depend upon certain conditions. We inform that certain conditions are to be fulfilled'.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government must have funds.

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President.—That is the fundamental thing. Otherwise even this right cannot be enforced.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—So, without assigning any reason at all, Government can stop the grant for the Manager?

President.—You must understand that Government would not act arbitrarily. They will have to use their discretion in the soundest manner possible.

Ruined culverts in the Poyya road.

657. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have not come to know that the two culverts in the Poyya-Mala road are in a very bad condition so that collapse may be apprehended in the near future?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The culvert at 1/8 will be reconstructed this year and the reconstruction of the other at 2/2 will be provided for in the next year's budget.

Road from Amballur to Chalakkudi Railway station.

658. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how for they have taken steps in the matter of opening a new road from Chalakkudi to Amballur through Parayanthodu and when will they be able to begin the work of the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The matter is being enquired into by the Chief Engineer.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—In this question I have only to correct a name. The name is Annallur.

President.—By whom was the mistake committed?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I shall see.

Recovery of certain amounts due under Scientific Department.

659. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be further pleased to state whether the reduction under Scientific Department—(a)-Industrial Museum Rs. 5,226 has been recovered, as agreed to by the Government in the Proceedings of the Diwan, C. No. 2203/1103, dated 13th August 1928?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Not recovered. Government have also not agreed in the Proceedings under reference to recover the amount. They have only accepted the cut in the budget of 1104. The matter is being considered by the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, may I know whether the cut was not accepted?

President.—They have only accepted it in the budget of 1104.

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